

City Council Minutes
February 18, 2025

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Neil Conklin, acting Mayor.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Members present were Aldermen Bruce Gorman, Tia Baugher, Neil Conklin, Mike Allison, Rick Sonnemaker and Andrew Gain. Also present were Treasurer Frick, Attorney Brokaw and City Clerk John Ramage.

B. Neil Conklin led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

C. A motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the agenda. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Acting Mayor Conklin declared the MOTION CARRIED.

III. CITY CLERK

A. The City Clerk presented the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. After a review a motion was made by Alderman Gain and seconded by Alderman Baugher to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Warrant List and Accounts Payable. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Acting Mayor Conklin declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. The minutes for February 4, 2025 were presented. A motion was made by Alderman Sonnemaker and seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve the February 4, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes with a correction to remove Mike Allison from the Roll Call. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Allison, abstain. Acting Mayor Conklin declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

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V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Water

1.The Water Collector, Georga Ed, gave the report and requested three adjustments related to leaks in the associated homes. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve the Water Report and adjustments. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Acting Mayor Conklin declared the MOTION CARRIED.

2. The Water Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written was given by Brad Hermes. The Department had a number of service calls for broken pipes and frozen meters consistent with winter months. Also, there was a water leak with a 10" main that had to be repaired. This caused them to issue a boil order that affected approximately 10 customers. The boil order was lifted the next morning. Additional work on the new well is awaiting better weather. They are working on two EPA Corrective Action Plans with a March timetable. There are some other deficiencies that don't have timetables related to them.

B. Street

1.The Street Superintendent's Monthly Report, oral and written, was given by Brian Whitehurst. The Street Department is having a typical February with ongoing cleaning and general maintenance. They performed roadwork on Clary Street and on Hurie Park Road. They assisted the Water Dept with the water main leak, and have a number of street signs and stop signs to repair.

2. Personnel Recommendation for New Street Hire. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to approve Joshua Kane as a new hire for the Street Department, starting February 24th, at the rate of \$19.00 per hour. VOTES: Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes. Acting Mayor Conklin declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Police

None.

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D. Fire

None.

E. ZONING

None.

VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

1. Discussion of a City-Wide Cleanup were led by Alderman Gain and Brian Whitehurst. There is general agreement that a City-wide cleanup was needed and that the scheduling needs to be worked in conjunction with other community events. Brian will contact A-Team Disposal to get additional input.

2. The 1.29.25 - 7th & Jackson St. Meeting Minutes, was presented by Andy Gain. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss site development plans for the 7th & Jackson Street building property, once demolition is completed. The initial focus of the meeting was to gather community input for the future development of the site. A motion made by Alderman Gorman seconded by Alderman Baugher to approve the minutes of this meeting. VOTES: Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes. Acting Mayor Conklin declared the MOTION CARRIED.

3. The 7th and Jackson Street Building Demolition Recommendation was presented by Donald Tallman. The Committee determined that given the extensive damage to the building and the prohibitive costs of rehabilitation, the most viable option for this property is to demolish the building and to generate plans for future development.

Alderman Gain mentioned the committee will have a preliminary meet with an Architect in the future, to discuss what needs to be done.

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After more discussion, a motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Gorman to approve an ad to be put into the Observer, for two weeks, inviting community members to an open house to discuss future possibilities for this property. VOTES: Gorman, yes; Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes. Acting Mayor Conklin declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Treasurer

1.The Treasurer's Report was given by David Frick. After a review, a motion made by Alderman Gain seconded by Alderman Sonnemaker to approve the Treasurer's Report. VOTES: Conklin, yes; Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes. Acting Mayor Conklin declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

A. Building and Grounds

B. Fire

C. Parks and Playgrounds

D. Personnel

E. Streets

F. Water/Sewer

G. Police

H. Finance

VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

None

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X. Old Business

None

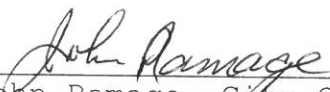
X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Gorman and seconded by Alderman Gain to adjourn the meeting. VOTES: Baugher, yes; Gain, yes; Allison, yes; Sonnemaker, yes; Gorman, yes, Conklin, yes. Acting Mayor Conklin declared the MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Ramage, City Clerk

Approved: March 4, 2025